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Sherlock Dulles, Eh?

One conclusion to be drawn from Secretary Dulles' stubborn insistence that he learned of Russia's plan to cut its ground armies by sheer deduction, rather than from direct information, is that he should have been made head of the Central Intelligence Agency instead of his brother, Allan.

Those who thought the matter settled when Mr. Harold Stassen said Khrushchev had told him of the impending slash while in London, cannot choose but hear the other side of the story from the talkative State Department head.

Mr. Stassen just thought he was being enlightened. As a matter of fact there was no "disclosure" in London, but a "deduction" in Washington on the basis of information given to the American representative whose interest is disarmament. And the assumption is that Secretary Dulles was the brains behind the great discovery which, for some strange reason, was common property in official Washington while the eminent State Department sleuth was laboring over the puzzle.

Just why this alleged demonstration of second sight or something is so dwelt upon after the event is hard to understand. But it does cause speculation as to why Mr. Dulles has not been using his exceptional powers to find the right, instead of wrong, answers to many foreign affairs problems he has so notably goofed.

Though boring, this Sherlock Holmes complex is relatively harmless. We can only be thankful that the secretary of state is not, at this late day, trying to crowd Napoleon off the stage.

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